

## **AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)**

**Applicant(s): Parris S. Wellman et al.**

Docket No.

14641Z (ETH-1559CONT)

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**Invention: SURGICAL DEVICE FOR CLAMPING, LIGATING, AND SEVERING TISSUE**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

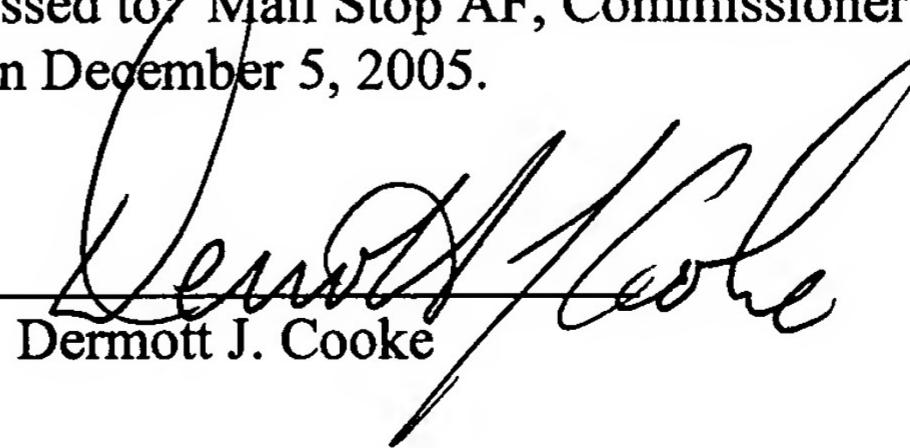
Sir:

This Amendment is filed in reply to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2005. Entry and consideration of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

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